

Grades K - 12

school entry in Arizona in 2005

Reference Arizona Administrative Code, Department of Health Services - Communicable Diseases. Chapter 6, Article 7, R9-6-701 - 708, Tables 1 & 2.

Instructions Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine if children seeking admission to your school meet Arizona's school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, call the Immunization Program at your local health department or the state immunization program.

Immunization Requirements To enter or transfer into public, private or charter elementary and secondary schools (grades kindergarten through 12), children, individuals more than 18 years of age, or emancipated persons, must have immunizations as outlined below.

Vaccine

Required Doses

Polio (OPV and/or IPV)

4 doses at any age, but...

3 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday; 3 doses meet requirements for 7 years and older if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis

Age 6 years and under:

DTP, DTaP, DT or any combination of DTP, DTaP, DT

6 doses at any age, but...

4-5 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one dose was on or after the 4th birthday.

Age 7 years and older (Pertussis is not required)
Td, DT, DTP, DTaP or any combination of these.

4 doses at any age, but...

3 doses meet requirements for ages 7-18 years if at least one dose was on or after the 4th birthday. If the last dose was given before the 4th birthday, one more dose (Td) is required.

Td or Tdap booster

Recommended if 5 or more years have passed since last DTP, DTaP, DT or Td. **Required** if 10 years have passed since last DTP, DTaP, DT or Td.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

K through 12th grades

2 doses

Both must be on or after the 1st birthday.

Hepatitis B

K through 12th grades

3 doses but...

A 2-dose adolescent vaccine may be given to students 11-15 years of age over a 4-6 month period.

Varicella (Chickenpox)

K, 1st & 7th grades

1-2 doses

1 dose meets requirement if given under age 13. Children who receive dose #1 at 13+ years need 2 doses. Children who have had Chicken Pox are not required to receive Varicella vaccine.

Exemptions The law allows (a) parents/guardians to elect exemptions to immunization requirements based upon their personal beliefs, and (b) health care providers of children to elect medical exemptions. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect exemption simply because of inconvenience (record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a health care provider or clinic to correct the problem). See the back of the beige *Arizona School Immunization Record (ASIR 109R)* for instructions. Forms to be signed by the parents/guardians electing the personal beliefs exemption or the forms to be signed by the child's health care provider should be stapled to the ASIR. It is the school's responsibility to supply exemption forms to parents. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

Pupils Not Meeting Requirements

Refer pupils who do not meet the State requirements to their health care provider or local health department. Give families a *Referral Notice of Inadequate Immunizations* indicating which doses are lacking.

Documentation All children must present an immunization record.

What is it? It is a verifiable immunization record, either a personal record with entries made by a health care provider or clinic, or a school immunization record—the beige *Arizona School Immunization Record (ASIR 109R)* from a former school, the *Emergency Information, Immunization Record Card (EIIRC)* from a child care center, or, another state's or country's record, a computer generated record from the Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIS), a record from another state immunization registry, or the Children's Health Information Program (CHIP). The record must include at least the month and year each dose was received; for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), it must include the month, DAY, and year each dose was received.

Effective January 1, 2003, the month, day and year is required for all immunizations administered to children born on/after January 1, 2003. A record with "check-marks", "up-to-date", "all requirements met", or "series complete" is not acceptable. Also, parents cannot simply fill out an ASIR from memory, but must present a written record with entries signed by a health care provider or clinic.

Who must present it? Children, an individual more than 18 years of age, or an emancipated person entering school or transferring between campuses. Kindergarten entrants can present an EIIRC from a child care center they previously attended. However, if this record does not include the final "booster" polio, DTaP/DTP/DT, MMR and hepatitis B doses, the information must be obtained from other documented records or the immunizations must be initiated prior to school entry. Children transferring from other Arizona schools or from out of the country, must present a personal immunization record or a state school immunization record.

When must it be presented? Children entering kindergarten, transferring from schools in or out of state and entrants from outside the United States, must present the immunization record before entry.

What do schools do with it? School staff must transcribe the immunization dates onto the *Arizona School Immunization Record (ASIR 109R)* which is available from your local health department or from the state immunization program office. School staff must then review the ASIR to determine if all immunization requirements have been met. The ASIR is part of the student's Mandatory Permanent Student Record and must be transferred to the child's new school when/if he/she moves. Although some vaccine doses the child has received are not required, please record dates of all doses from the child's personal immunization record onto the ASIR—this information will be very valuable should outbreaks of these diseases occur in your school.

Conditional Admissions

Pupils lacking one or more required vaccine doses but not currently due for a dose may be admitted on condition they receive the remaining dose(s) when due, according to the schedule below. If the maximum time interval has passed, the pupil must be excluded from school until the immunization(s) has/have been received.

Vaccine	Time Interval Between Doses
Polio	2 nd dose: 4-8 weeks after 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 4-8 weeks after 2 nd dose
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td Under 7 years (DTP, DTaP, DT)	2 nd dose: 4-8 weeks after the 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 4-8 weeks after the 2 nd dose 4 th dose: 6-12 months after the 3 rd dose 5 th dose: 6-12 months after the 4 th dose
Age 7 years and older (Td)*	2 nd dose: 4-8 weeks after the 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 6-12 months after the 2 nd dose
MMR	2 nd dose: 4 weeks after the 1 st dose
Hepatitis B	2 nd dose: 4-8 weeks after the 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 2-5 months after the 2 nd dose and at least 4 months after the 1 st dose

*Note: DTaP, DTP, DT doses received previously are counted toward meeting the 3 dose immunization requirement for this age group.